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SUBJECT: OASGA-18 - HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER' S SPEECH

1. HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER BATRES ADDRESSED THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLING FOR SERIOUS EVALUATION OF INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM, BOTH SUCCESSES AND FAILURES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HEMISPHERE IS IN SOME DEGREE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN BECAUSE OF WHAT OAS HAS DONE.
 2. BATRES NOTED THAT INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM IS EMINENTLY POLITICAL AND MUST CONCERN ITSELF ABOVE ALL ELSE WITH THE PACIFIC SOLUTION OF DISPUTES.
 3. SPEAKING DIRECTLY ABOUT SALVADOR- HONDURAS DISPUTE, HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH APRIL 2 ND DECISION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF XIII MEETING OF CONSULTATION CALLING UPON PARTIES TO DISPUTE TO ACCELERATE PEACEMAKING PROCESS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT AS RESULT OF REQUEST
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OF BOTH PARTIES, XIII MEETING OF CONSULTATION WOULD REMAIN OPEN TO STIMULATE AND OVERSEE THE PROCESS OF SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE.

4. BATRES LAUDED WORK OF CIECC, ESPECIALLY ITS REGIONAL PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. IN ECONOMIC FIELD HE SPOKE OF

FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES WHICH HAVE CAUSED " JUSTIFIABLE REACTION" FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WITNESSED AT IA- ECOSOC MEETING IN BOGOTA. DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID, REQUIRES THAT MAJOR EFFORT COME FROM COUNTRY CONCERNED BUT ACKNOWLEDGED VALUE OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. EQUITY AND JUSTICE ARE NOT SERVED EITHER BY SIMPLE RELIANCE ON DEMANDS FORMULATED BY THE UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OR BASED UPON ASSISTANCE FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONVENIENCE. MUTUAL COMPREHENSION OF BOTH SIDES INTEREST IS REQUIRED. OAS MUST ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE PROBLEM OF COMBINING ASPIRATIONS OF THE POOR WITH INTERESTS OF THE RICH.
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